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AMERORCHIS ROTUNDIFOLIA **ROUND-LEAVED ORCHIS**

Round-leaved Orchis is a glabrous perennial with a single sub-basal leaf and a stem 10-20 cm tall arising from rhizomes. The leaf is elliptic to orbicular with a rounded tip, and is up to 10 cm long. The few to several flowers terminate the stem in a narrow inflorescence. There are 3 white to pale pink sepals. The upper is hood-shaped, 6-10 mm long, and slightly larger than the lateral ones; the 2 upper petals are narrowly lance-shaped. The large, lower lip petal is up to 9 mm long, white, spotted with purple, and deeply 3-lobed with a pair of lateral lobes and a notched lower one. Flowering in late June-early July.

Recognized by the single leaf and distinctive flower. CALYPSO BULBOSA also has a single leaf but the pink flowers are solitary and much larger.